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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will be the site of a nationally televised Democratic Presidential Primary debate Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, sponsored by ABC News and WMUR Channel 9.

All major Democratic candidates have committed to the debate at 7 p.m. in UNH's Johnson Theatre. The 90-minute forum will be moderated by ABC News Nightline anchor Ted Koppel. WMUR-TV anchor and political reporter Scott Spradling will join him in questioning the candidates.

"As the flagship public university in the first-in-the-nation primary state, the University of New Hampshire is committed to providing opportunities for our students, as well as all residents, to participate in the political process so they can make informed decisions on election day. The New Hampshire Presidential Primary is a Granite State tradition, and we are thrilled to have been chosen as the site of this presidential primary debate by ABC News and the Democratic National Committee," UNH President Ann Weaver Hart said.

The debate will air live on WMUR and C-Span, and a one-hour version will air on ABC's Nightline that evening. The debate is facilitated by the Democratic National Committee on behalf of the candidates. For more information on the debate, including on how to request tickets, visit the Media Relations Presidential Primary Web site at <http://unhinfo.unh.edu/news/primary/index.html>.